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March 31, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT STATUS REPORT

This correspondence is in response to your January 27, 2009, request for a status report on the Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) audit.

In the previous status report, 4,738 SAKs were reported as unanalyzed, with 3,780 (80 percent) belonging to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) and 958 (20 percent) belonging to independent cities' police agencies. It was also reported that questionnaires had been returned for 3,313 untested SAKs (70 percent).

The following reflects current data regarding received SAK questionnaires:

- 4,024 (85 percent) have been returned
- 3,513 (93 percent) of the Department's have been received
- 511 (53 percent) of the independent agencies have been received

Analysis of the information contained in the 4,024 returned questionnaires indicates the following:

- 545 (13 percent) of the SAKs have unknown suspects
- 244 (6 percent) have known suspects
- 846 (21 percent) were rejected for filing
- 954 (24 percent) have been adjudicated
- 1,435 (36 percent) contain insufficient information to definitively categorize

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Additionally, of the 4,024 SAKs for which completed questionnaires have been received, a total of 526 (13 percent) are older than ten years and break down into categories as follows:

- 102 have known or unknown suspects
- 424 were rejected for filing or adjudicated

Of the 4,024 SAKs for which completed questionnaires have been received, a total of 1,323 (33 percent) are beyond the two year statute of limitations and have between two and ten years remaining on the ten year statute. These break down into categories as follows:

- 413 have known or unknown suspects
- 910 were rejected for filing or adjudicated

Obtaining questionnaires for the remaining 714 SAKs for which responses have not been received, and completing those questionnaires with incomplete responses continues to be a priority. The files for the 267 kits belonging to the Department for which no questionnaire was received are currently being hand searched to cull the information necessary to categorize and prioritize. The independent agencies will continue to be encouraged to submit the requested information so that their remaining 447 unanalyzed kits can be properly prioritized.

SAKs with unknown or known suspects and approaching either the two or ten year statute of limitations are given highest priority. Currently, 130 backlogged SAKs have been sent out for analysis. Full-time laboratory staff are working to prepare additional SAKs for outsourcing. By mid-April, an additional 300 SAKs will have been sent, bringing the total to 430 SAKs at contract labs being analyzed. By May, another 150 SAKs will go out, for a total of 580 SAKs sent for testing.

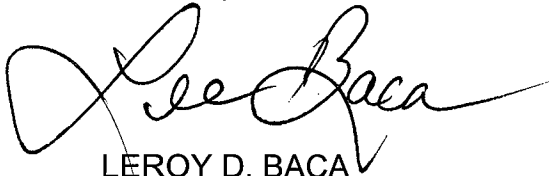
Although results have yet to be received from the contract laboratories, the Department's Scientific Services Bureau is prepared to have full-time staff assigned providing the mandated reviews to enable timely Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) entry of qualified DNA profiles. Based on the submitted questionnaires, all known or unknown suspect SAKs approaching the two or ten year anniversary date will either have already been tested or be at a laboratory undergoing testing by mid-April.

Existing staff within the Department's Scientific Services Bureau continue to analyze SAKs associated with current cases. To assist with this workload, SAKs are also being shipped to the State of California's Bureau of Forensic Services (BFS) for analysis under a previously approved Memorandum of Understanding. To date, the BFS has accepted 84 SAKs. To further assist in this endeavor, negotiations are well underway with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) to have one of its grantees assist in additional SAK testing.

A plan identifying the additional staffing and funding resources necessary to continue our efforts to test all SAKs in a timely, yet scientifically and legally sound, manner has been developed. This plan will ensure that a backlog of untested SAKs will not reoccur, and will provide a sound foundation to adequately handle current demands for DNA testing, allow for expansion to address expected increases for DNA related services, and will provide for the maximum utilization of the Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Science Center's designed DNA testing capacity. This plan will be presented to the Chief Executive Office for their review.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact Chief David R. Betkey, Technical Services Division, at (562) 345-4301.

Sincerely,



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April 13, 2010

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Dear Supervisors:

REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS ORDINANCE

This correspondence is in response to your January 27, 2009, request for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) to report back in one year with a review of the effectiveness and/or unintended consequences and related recommendations to the Registered Sex Offenders Ordinance.

On January 27, 2009, your Board unanimously approved and passed Los Angeles County Ordinance Chapter 13.59 (Ordinance), regulating registered sex offenders in Los Angeles County (County). It is intended to eliminate any potential conflict of land use in residential neighborhoods and reduce the potential dangers associated with multiple registered sex offenders living near families with children and places where children frequently gather. Also, the Ordinance is intended to regulate the number of registered sex offenders permitted to reside in multiple family dwellings.

The Ordinance affects those registered sex offenders convicted on or after March 5, 2009, which means that the pool of potential violators is still very small, but will grow with time. As of this date, there have been no reported arrests by the Department or filings under the Ordinance through the District Attorney's Office (DA). As such, we have not identified any unintended consequences at this time.

On May 1, 2009, representatives from the Department's Special Victims Bureau (SVB), who oversee the enforcement of registered sex offenders living in the unincorporated areas of the County, and representatives from the California Department of Corrections (CDC), Parole Division, met and discussed the newly created Ordinance affecting registered sex offenders living in the unincorporated areas of the County.

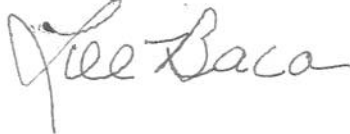
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On June 12, 2009, representatives from SVB, the DA, and County Counsel met to discuss issues related to the enforcement of the Ordinance. During the meeting the parties discussed the issues of notice, due process, and the logistics of implementing an enforcement program once the pool of potential violators came into existence. Additionally, clarification of specific wording contained in the Ordinance were discussed, specifically the terms "loitering" and "boats" used as homes within one mile of the County coastline, common in the Marina Del Rey area. In the months that followed, the three departments remained in communication and resolved all of the above issues.

The Department is currently working with County Counsel and the DA to develop and implement a notice of the Ordinance which will be furnished to registered sex offenders in the unincorporated areas by Department personnel. It is expected that the implementation of the notice will begin sometime in May 2010.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Captain Thomas Zuniga, Special Victims Bureau, at (562) 946-7901.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leroy D. Baca". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF